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*Co. History  
Pocahontas*

January 4, 19~~39~~<sup>40</sup>

Mr. Bruce Crawford, Supervisor  
West Virginia Writers' Project,  
312 Smallridge Building,  
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Crawford:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education the following action was taken:

"After due and careful discussion and consideration the board decided to cooperate with the county court by underwriting half of the costs of a History Project for Pocahontas County which is proposed by Bruce Crawford, State Supervisor of West Virginia Writers' Project, through the Work Projects Administration. This action to be reported to the county court of Pocahontas for their consideration."

I have reported this action to Z. S. Smith, Jr., President of Pocahontas County Court, and he informs me that the county court will give this matter consideration at the meeting on the first Tuesday in February with a possibility towards a decision to be responsible for sponsorship of one half of the funds necessary to underwrite this project. However, Mr. Smith does not know the actual decision of the county court until after they have had their regular meeting.

Mr. Smith has asked me to tell you that the county court is interested in this project and that the only reason for their hesitation in sponsoring is a financial one. He states that the county court has several other projects now which have been approved, but which they have not been able to put into operation due to lack of funds.

Sincerely yours,

*E. S. Clutter*

E. S. Clutter,  
Superintendent Schools.





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December 18, 1939

Mr. E. S. Clutter  
 Superintendent  
 Pocahontas County Schools  
 Marlinton, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Clutter:

We are pleased to have your letter of December 15 assuring us that you will recommend to the Board of Education that they cooperate with the County Court in sponsoring a history project conducted by us in Pocahontas county.

We appreciate what you say about the scarcity of funds. However, since advance orders for copies of the book or contributions made to co-sponsors by civic groups, business firms and individuals would be forthcoming, we do not believe the co-sponsors would be called upon in the end to make any outlay of tax funds whatever. We shall be very glad to assist in working up such financial cooperation, and believe it would be easy to do after the work had been commenced and widespread interest aroused.

We thank you for the cooperation you are showing Mrs. McLaughlin and our other research workers in your county.

Sincerely yours,

Very truly yours,  
 Bruce Crawford  
 State Supervisor

E. S. Clutter,  
 Superintendent Schools.

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December 15, 1939

Mr. Bruce Crawford, State Supervisor  
West Virginia Writers' Project,  
312 Smallridge Building,  
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Your letter to Mr. F. M. Sydnor, President Board of Education, Marlinton, West Virginia, has been received by me. This letter requests sponsorship of West Virginia Writers' Project for Pocahontas County. I shall be glad to place this before the Board of Education at our meeting in January. I have already talked to Mrs. McLaughlin regarding this and have assured her that I would recommend to the Board that they cooperate with the County Court in sponsoring this project.

However, due to the scarcity of funds, I am not sure that the Board will be able to help underwrite the printing of the finished history, but we shall do what we can toward promoting the project and in helping the writers.

This is a very worthy project and in behalf of the Board of Education I wish to thank you very much for bringing it to our attention.

Very truly yours,  
*E. S. Clutter*  
E. S. Clutter,  
Superintendent Schools.

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December 13, 1939

Mr. Calvin Price  
Pocahontas Times  
Marlinton  
West Virginia

Dear Mr. Price:

You no doubt remember me as Editor of the Bluefield Sunset News. I reprinted several of your most interesting sketches of life in Pocahontas county, but of course I was just one of many editors who quoted you extensively. I have intended to stop in to talk with you and see your widely known printing shop but usually it was late in the day and I drove on through.

As you know we have employed Miss Nelle Y. McLaughlin and Miss Juanita S. Dilley as research assistants to collect material for a history of Pocahontas county. We enclose a copy of our letter addressed to the County Court and the Board of Education with the suggestion that they consider co-sponsoring the history. I am sure that anything you might say in behalf of the project will carry a lot of weight and I will appreciate very much your speaking to the members of these public bodies.

Of course we would not think of undertaking a history of your county without relying to a large extent on your services as a consultant. With your aid we should be able to assemble material which would be vital and significant as well as refreshingly original and, therefore, most readable.

Anything you may do for us in the way of obtaining sponsorship of our project will be appreciated very much by our staff and by me in particular.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours

Bruce Crawford  
State Supervisor

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